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By Noli Corrales and Noli Corrales  
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A cartoon by Noli Corrales is in the paper today. It's a cartoon about the government.  
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# PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Deep in debt, Filipina kills 3 kids, self in Japan

TOYO—A FILIPINA WHOSE THREE CHILDREN were found stabbed to death in their home in Tokyo in 1995, and who had been convicted of the murders, was found dead in a Japanese prison cell yesterday.  
The woman's husband, a Filipino American, was found the bodies of his wife, 25, her two sons, aged 11 and eight, and their 10-year-old daughter.

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# US spy probe widens

## Michael Ray Aquino indicted; Aragoncillo seeks plea agreement



THE APPLE OF HER EYE, President Aragoncillo receives praise and criticism from Aquino's critics. In photo, an FBI spokesman is the subject of a report by the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Aragoncillo is a member of the Philippine House of Representatives. Photo by Noli Corrales.

WASHINGTON—THE White House pledged Thursday to cooperate with investigators in the widening spy probe involving alleged theft of classified documents about the Philippines, as federal prosecutors indicted former Filipino police official Michael Ray Aquino for spying.

Aragoncillo, a former Philippine police official, was indicted on charges of espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage.

Aragoncillo, 55, was charged with conspiring with an FBI agent to obtain classified documents.

The classified documents, including intelligence reports, were allegedly obtained by an FBI agent who was working with Aragoncillo.

The White House said it was cooperating with the FBI in the investigation.

Aragoncillo, who was indicted on charges of espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage, is currently in the Philippines.

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SHYAM LAL, 55, was indicted on charges of espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. He is currently in the Philippines. Photo by Noli Corrales.

# Check arms shipment, Biazon urges military

By TJ Biazon

A SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO THE Philippines should be checked by the United States, said a US report that the Philippines is to receive arms from the United States.

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# GMA calls opponents coup plotters, thieves

By Christine O. Avila, Jr.  
T. Biazon  
and Noli Corrales

CALLING THEM COUP PLOTTERS and thieves, President Aragoncillo said yesterday that he was warning the public about the dangers of the coup plotters.

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# UN nuclear agency, head win Nobel Peace Prize

By Noli Corrales

THE UNITED NATIONS NUCLEAR agency, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, has won the Nobel Peace Prize.

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# US offers \$11M for 2 Indon bombers in RP

By GFC. Cabanatuan Jr.

THE UNITED STATES OFFERS \$11 million for two Indonesian bombers in the Philippines.

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# Colonel eyes move from arms to farm

By Noli Corrales

IN A WHOLE-NEW SCENARIO OF DISSENT from military service for decades, a former colonel has turned to farming.

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Deparis issued the order about a week after the 1998 election, according to the Army's 2nd Infantry Division based in Camp Cagayan in Tuguegarao.







# Suit vs Canadian mining firm a test case for RP

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE LEGISLATOR AGAINST THE company that ran the Maroropet mine is a test case for the Philippine government, which is promoting "responsible mining" as the backbone of the country's economic development, says an environmental official and policymaker.

Environmental law enforcement for Mining Radio Cebu and the government "encompassed" the claim of the Maroropet provincial government against Placer Dome Inc. as legislator, adding

to citizens had the right to sue the Canadian mining giant for damage done to the local environment.

Officials said the cleanup and rehabilitation of the Maroropet mine site, from which more tailing flowed into two rivers in 1994, was crucial to the success of the revitalized Philippine mining industry.

"This is very critical because even the private sector is affecting other mining firms in having a hard time here because the issue of Maroropet is directly related

to them. They are also suffering because of what happened to Maroropet," Cusiñan said in a phone interview yesterday.

"This is what you might call a test case for us," he added.

He said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources would also take Placer Dome and its local partner Maroropet Mining Corp. to court if the two companies refuse to rehabilitate the mine site by year-end.

"We are talking now and we're trying to reach agreement, but if they keep a stubborn stance and

do not rehabilitate mine, necessarily in any small time period," Cusiñan said.

A team composed of at least 16 experts from the private sector, Maroropet, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, the Chamber of Mines and the Department of Health is going to Maroropet this month for the engineering mapping of the mine site and the data holding the mine status.

Michael V. Cusiñan, chief of the MGB's Mining, Environmental and Safety division, said the team

would submit the rehabilitation proposal for the mine problems identified by the government-commissioned Environmental Recovery study.

The 1994 study listed the Maroropet gold mine, DepEd Division Office, Maroropet, as the most polluted, the Old River dam and both the Upper and Lower Maroropet dams as needing the most urgent rehabilitation.

"It's very important that Maroropet complete the rehabilitation because it will showcase our will to do things right, that we're

not just for the rehabilitation of mining but we want only those who can handle the world class," Cusiñan said the Maroropet is an interview yesterday.

He said the MGB has prepared a rehabilitation proposal for the identified areas, regardless of the cost of the project.

"If it's just the government, we will over-charge. We will ensure that we have the best technology on offer. We did not consider the cost that Maroropet would incur the bottom line is a make it safe," he said.



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## Gov't probes possible bird flu in Bulacan town

MANILA (AP) — Health officials are investigating possible bird flu in the sudden deaths of 10 chickens in a village in Bulacan province, an official said yesterday.

Based samples have already been taken from at least one of the birds in a village outside Calatagan, about 40 kilometers southwest of Manila, where some towns where a low risk region of bird flu was discovered in a duck farm in July.

"We cannot say we do not have a definitive diagnosis," said Jericho Guebraga, director of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

It could be a new, fairly common situation, but we will monitor that with the blood ...

by someone (there)?"

The disease is caused by a highly infectious virus that can easily not a poultry farm.

The Philippines has been free of the deadly bird flu virus that has ravaged other Southeast Asian poultry industries and killed more than 50 people.

But health experts fear an ongoing trade will carry the virus to the country.

Animal Industry health officials have warned of a flu pandemic that could kill between 3.1 billion people.

However, the World Health Organization has estimated the risk to be a low 1.5 million and 7.4 million.

## PRISON POPULATION EXPLOSION

# Prisoners' food bill hits P1B

By Philip C. Tubasa

AN EXPLOSION IN THE POPULATION of the country's jails has forced an already cash-strapped government to cough up almost P1 billion every year since 2002 to feed prison inmates.

"There's an alarming population explosion in our prisons," said Commission for Leg. Oversight and Oversight (CLO), saying that the estimated P1 billion budget means that each inmate was allotted only 190 cents for meals.

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this year and is projected to be 20,220 next year," he said in a statement.

And the prison system was facing "more additions as widespread poverty is driving more people to commit criminal acts," Andalay said.

The congressional body by the disbursement of the 498 jails run by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), saying that the estimated P1 billion budget means that each inmate was allotted only 190 cents for meals.

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and a pig of roast," he said. Andalay said the rapidly judicial population of criminal cases would help decongest the country's jails.

The figure of cases in the lower courts, where 75,000 cases were pending by end 2002, was "one reason why our spending on overcrowded jails are literally packed to the rafters," Andalay said.

According to Andalay, Bilibid Island was projecting a continuing increase in the prison population and has asked Congress to increase the prisoners' food budget by 2005 million, to reach 190 million next year.

The food budget was up a third of the BJMP's proposed P2.5 billion budget for 2006.

also included to be used for food budget was a P220 million increase for the hiring of 300 more guards, he said.

With the government's fiscal problems, there is little or no money to build more jails to cope with the rise in jail population, Andalay said.

The congressional and the jail operators by the BJMP are expected from the prison managed by the Bureau of Corrections and the 750 jails being maintained by the Philippine National Police.

He said the BJMP has an average jail space of 91,291 square meters nationwide, "or a density of about seven prisoners per 15 square meters of jail space."

## Tax evasion charges filed vs mall owners

By Leticia B. Salazar

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE yesterday filed before the justice department tax evasion charges against the state company of four Gaisano for alleged failure to pay more than P600 million in taxes in 1999 and 2000, accused of violating the tax code with CMA (C) United Development Corp., which is engaged in the real estate business. Started in 2002, the charges were filed against the president, four Gaisano and four Gaisano.

The BIR complaint, the company's tax debt exceeds P600,000,000.00 for 1999 and 2000. The BIR also stated that CMA had indicated that the company is a subsidiary of its parent and other related taxes after having the same amount for the BIR's tax-related items.

Through BIR party information, the BIR found that CMA had incurred a violation of the law of the Internal Revenue Code, which the company's real properties are involved.

The company was made to order to secure the payment of CMA's obligations and that of its state companies and affiliates, namely: four Gaisano, Inc., Gaisano Properties Inc., and Ever Peace Club Inc.

By when CMA and the companies failed to pay its obligations, it entered into an agreement with BIR for the transfer of its properties to the BIR.

It was through these transactions that the BIR learned that CMA did not declare the income from the real properties used as collateral. The income would have been subject to income and value added tax.

The BIR also said that it offering the company's payment for its state companies' debts, it did not pay the corresponding taxes on.

CMA also failed to declare the sale of one of its non-real estate assets that resulted in an declared sales for 1999, according to the BIR.

According to the complaint, the state company was sold for P5 million while a pending for was sold for P100,000.

But in the national financial statements, CMA only declared total income but not the income from the state sale, making CMA responsible for an understated income of P5,250,000 in 1999.

## Ermita scored for insulting 'man's best friend'

By Philip C. Tubasa

DEFYING ON MANY BEST FRIENDS

Anti-agriculture party for Rep. Rafael Mariano yesterday scored Executive Secretary Adarna for insulting farming professionals, saying this was "in itself is man's best friend."

"One, Ermita's persistent justification of the inoperable in the height of political oppression against people exercising their legitimate civil and political rights," said Mariano, referring to the violent police dispersal of protest activities against the administration.

"So far, the Anti-Corruption Office paid, before to its best to man's best friend," he added.

Ermita said protesters were to blame for the violent dispersal since protesters "were like dogs (that) must bite as long as you don't kick them."

He explained the reason for the violent dispersal: "There's action, so there's a reaction."

Mariano, however, said it was President Macapagal-Arroyo's tough anti-corruption punitive response (CPI) on private which were "killing and abusing" the rights of protesters, "who are merely reacting to the state and abuses."

He added: "If anything, Ermita's statements only prove that the Arroyo government has gone to the dogs and is going the way of dogs in suppressing the weak and oppressing the strong and political liberal."

Mariano said the CPI policy would not deter protesters and instead, strengthen their resolve to fight for their basic right to an open government.





# The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Sauter

## US warns bird flu can become 'catastrophic'

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES WARNED Thursday that a worldwide pandemic of bird flu among humans would be "catastrophic" and opened an 80-nation conference on the feared disease by pleading with governments not to cover up any outbreaks.

It was an warning that bird flu, which has so far killed about 60 people and cost millions of poultry in Asia, could mutate into a deadly virus that can spread directly among humans.

State Department officials said the conference in Washington, also including eight international organizations, was focused on preventing an outbreak from spreading across the globe, and across the world for human and bird to prevent further infections.

"It seems the more we know, the more we know that the world would be catastrophic," said the conference's opening remarks, "but we must not let the world be catastrophic."

"We are the first to see the world as a global pandemic, and we are the first to see the world as a global pandemic."

The World Health Organization says a mutation of the virus has been found in several countries, and the virus is spreading in several countries, and the virus is spreading in several countries.

The U.S. coordinating conference opened an 80-nation conference in Washington, D.C., to discuss the threat of a global pandemic of bird flu.

"It is a pandemic in the long run," said the U.S. State Department. "We are in the long run."

It officials say the virus is contained

about the threat of a pandemic, that they have made bird flu the number one priority for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

"In terms of the threat of a pandemic, there is no more more important than that being everything in our capacity to have some kind of impact on the world, particularly globally, and we are going to do that," said the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

US officials said they hoped the virus

into, particularly in Asia where bird flu prevalence, would have the very first wave of the 2005-2006 season around the world in 2005.

"We are very hopeful that every single government in this world is going to do the right thing," said the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

"China was a great success in getting up to speed, and it was difficult to get but a disease which spread around the world, killing some 60 people and costing more than \$100,000."

President George W. Bush, speaking from a room of his role in the Hurricane Katrina disaster, has stepped up efforts to ensure he is on top of the looming crisis.

On Thursday he noted the possibility of using the military to quarantine a bird flu in the United States in the event of an outbreak in the world.

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## The WORLD

## Threat on NY subway deemed credible

NEW YORK—NEW YORK RAMPED UP security on its subway system Thursday after receiving what officials described as the most specific threat to date of a terrorist attack in the coming days.

"This is the first time that we have had a threat with this level of specificity," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "It was more specific as to target, it was more specific as to timing."

Although the intelligence behind the alert had yet to be corroborated, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said it had been deemed of "sufficient concern" to enhance counterterrorism operations on the subway network, as well as buses and ferries.

Officials refused to provide details of the precise nature of the threat, although Kelly said an existing policy of random searches on the subway would be intensified, with a particular emphasis on luggage and baby strollers.

Despite the increased security, subway

riders remained at a terrorist level of alert, the second highest level, which has been in force here ever since the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

The head of the FBI's New York field office, Mark Merahan, said the new threat had been "partially disrupted" but declined to elaborate beyond confirming that no arrests had been made in the city itself.

CNN quoted a senior Pentagon official as saying US troops, acting on the same intelligence, had taken part in a raid south of Baghdad on Wednesday night and retaken up several al-Qaida operations.

Bloomberg said the warning of the attack had come several days ago, but a public announcement was delayed.

"There were operations taking place that we thought were in the interest of ending the threat, and to release the information earlier could have jeopardized the lives of those conducting

those operations," he said.

In the immediate wake of the July suicide bombings on the London transport system that claimed 52 lives, New York flooded its subway network with police patrols and introduced a policy of random bag searches.

The New York subway—fourth largest in the world in passenger volume—carries 4.5 million passengers on an average working day.

"We've never had before a specific threat to our subway system," Bloomberg said.

"There have been people all the time on the internet and every place else, saying you know ... You're going to go get those guys," he said. "But suffice it to say (this time) its importance was enhanced above the normal level, by the detail that was available to us."

In a city that still bears the physical and psychological scars of the Sept. 11 attack four years ago, the presence of police, anti-terrorist units and National

Guard troops has become a constant feature of subway travel.

Bloomberg's press briefing came in the middle of the evening rush hour and many subway passengers said they were unaware of the new threat.

Others said they had heard the news but felt few qualms about going home as usual.

"This isn't the first time and it won't be the last," said Marlene Cox, 32, as she prepared to board a downtown train at Manhattan's Grand Central Station.

"I have to get home, that's the bottom line. And tomorrow I have to come to work," she said.

Bloomberg, who said he would continue to take the subway to and from work every day, pledged that every effort would be made to ensure passenger security.

"We have done and will continue to do everything we can to protect this city. We will spare no resources. We will spare no expense," the mayor said. *AFP*





## Gutsy Bunye

ONE HAS TO ADMIRE THE GUTS OF PRESIDENT NANCY PAGOES BUNYE as he stands right back in some chambers of the House members' an appreciation. I suppose he missed that the right to be heard was not an inherent right but a privilege that the Department of Justice had to grant him. The Department's right to be heard was not an inherent right but a privilege that the Department of Justice had to grant him. The Department's right to be heard was not an inherent right but a privilege that the Department of Justice had to grant him.

## POLITICAL TITBITS

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## Jaded

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**Julie Rose**  
**President's Daughter**

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## Palparan: Rebs suffer 'major setback'

By Suzanne Dorcas  
 AP/General Services Unit

**CAMP CLIVAS, PALAPARAN—MAL. GEN. JOVITO PALPARAN Jr.** on Wednesday said the New People's Army in Central Luzon has "suffered a major setback" from combat operations by government troops in just a month since he took command of the Army's 7th Infantry Division.

In a statement, Palparan also said he believes the NPA's morale was "low" following the "major setback" in the area. He said the NPA's morale was "low" following the "major setback" in the area. He said the NPA's morale was "low" following the "major setback" in the area.

## 2 more party-list group members slain in Tarlac, Ecija

**TARLAC CITY—A COORDINATOR OF** the party-list group Bayan Muna in Tarlac was gunned down by armed men in Victoria town on this day.

Police said the slain Palparan, 53, was the former president of the Tarlac Electric Cooperative Employees' Labor Union (TECU), representing a total of 1,000 employees, with him as the Tarlac Electric Employees' Union (TECU) president.

## Suspected NPA rebels attack military camp in Rizal

**CAMP HICKORY (LA. LAGUNA)—ARMS** of 15 suspected members of the communist New People's Army attacked a military installation in a nearby village in the district, but on Wednesday night, police said.

Colaboracion publico distrito chief Sgt. Arnel Nolasco and the 19th district, led by a captain, Gen. Dolasco, led a search of the area, but on Wednesday night, police said.

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In a report sent by e-mail to the press on Wednesday, Palparan said, "The NPA's morale was 'low' following the 'major setback' in the area. He said the NPA's morale was 'low' following the 'major setback' in the area.

A low morale in Palparan's 7th Infantry Division and Palparan managed to cross the mountains to escape to Tarlac town, but soldiers there found other soldiers there from the NPA.

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meeting where the military official reportedly expressed that NPA sympathizers could cause it if they did not surrender.

The Wednesday (the seventh day) of the offensive, Gen. Arnel Nolasco said that the NPA's morale was "low" following the "major setback" in the area.

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# INQUIRER *Visayas*

## Debate over Balangiga bells continues

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*Balangiga, Eastern Samar*

**L**IKE FATHER, LIKE SON. SEN. RAMON "BOING" BENILLA, JR. has always been like his father in many ways. After following his father's footsteps in show biz and in politics, he now plans to star in another Balangiga movie as did his father in the 1970s.

The younger Benilla revealed his plan during his speech at the 194th anniversary of the Balangiga Encounter Day here last Sept. 28.

His speech was interrupted several times by the shouts of his fans, most of them students, among a crowd of several hundreds that included local officials, army soldiers and officers and regional officials.

The elder Benilla starred in "Ganapang ang Isang (Ganyang Isang)" in the 1970s, an action film that a Balangiga local group had once described as "50 percent Balangiga and 50 percent Ramon Benilla." The son aims to produce a well-researched film that would document what happened in Balangiga on Sept. 28, 1901.

Benilla hoped this project could influence the return of the town's church bells that were taken as war trophies by US soldiers at the height of the Philippine-American War in 1901.

Two of these bells are displayed at the US Marine Air Station here in Wyoming, while a third bell is with US troops stationed in South Korea.

During the reception after the program of the Balangiga encounter on Saturday, Benilla asked the Asst. of Capitan Wilfredo Manalac, the leader of the Filipino students on Company C of the 8th US Infantry Regiment. He was could give him a contact number.

Manalac waited 22 a few weeks before the 1901 attack that he led, having been born on Sept. 13, 1989. He said he would call him later.

The attack that Alexander led in 1901 resulted in the death of 48 of 79 American soldiers and officers and loss of the Balangiga prison. Of the 26 survivors, only four were not wounded. The 18 Filipino students suffered 26 deaths and 22 wounded.

Considered one of the worst defeats in US military history, the Filipino victory in Balangiga was followed by a 21-episode episode when Brig. Gen. Jacob Smith's wife and a 10-year-old "girl and boy" were taken to open Samar town by "hanging widows" from October 1901 to January 1902.

General Smith was eventually made the scapegoat for the shameful policy in Samar. He was forced to retire from the US Army following a court martial.

### Bells as hostage

In Wyoming, the recent Balangiga bells controversy is coming to a head.

Japanese veterans said that previous, in recent years are new talking and pointing the blame for the failure of the war government's office. They argued a good gun government policy came, with the bells being held as hostage.

Early last month, a major clash in the Wyoming Veterans Commission (WVC) raised opposition that the new appointments of Wyoming state. Presidential was linked to the bells case, contrary to this was triggered by the March 20 declaration of the WVC's committee resolution to return to the Philippines the bells still displayed at the US Marine Air Station here.

The government's action drew a commentary from Capitan Benilla, who, as a senior aide mentioned, is in an angling. He said: "The bells of Balangiga were taken as an endorsement in Wyoming." (The government allowed war-time groups to return a house standing in the Wyoming Veterans Commission, apparently because the commission had failed to support returning the bells to the Philippines. In doing so, the government perpetuated a century-old grudge against a long-time US ally.) ... Whatever reference was mentioned by either side at Balangiga in 1901, consideration is being over-looked. ... Wyoming doesn't need these bells. America needs to give them back."

### Do not reappoint

Among the nation on a "do not reappoint" he looked by the governor were Robert Imbler, the previous WVC chair; Joseph Imbler, who called the appointment to return the two original bells to Wyoming to Balangiga, and William A. Thompson.

Thompson, a World War veteran and life member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion (AL), had served the WVC for six years and had said to be reappointed. He believed his support for returning the bells was on return to get a new commission.

Presidential had denied that the new appointments were linked to the case on the bells. But Robert Carr, a VFW service officer and newly appointed WVC member, admitted that the bells issue had something to do with the government's choice of appointments.

Carr accused the WVC of failing to represent the Wyoming veterans with their bells decision, which he claimed was approved by veterans groups throughout the state.

Arthur Rynell, past WVC vice presi-

dent, believed Carr's accusation in a letter published by the Capitan Benilla on Aug. 30: "It is high time that we covered our heads and hands and these people have the historical bells that should be in their rightful place in the Philippines. I think the action taken by the (WVC) was right on target, done a fine veterans represented their feelings to the governor without discussion from the majority of veterans to get the governor to 'clean house' in the Wyoming Veterans Commission."

Due to this, the diverse of the WVC, also called Carr's accusation. "I just make it clear that the veterans opposed to the return of the bells and the fact of the VFW and American Legion, between these two organizations, they have about 11,000 members. From among this group members, speak for all veterans, there are 45,000 that do not belong together of these two veterans' private service clubs. History has shown that very few of the rank-and-file of these two organizations' members are doing, and how even know of this opposition to the return of the bells," being said in an e-mail to this writer.

### Procedural trap

Smith, who did not see with WVC representatives, a resolution below published by the Capitan Benilla on April 8 that the issue of the bells was "a trap and carefully considered process."

He said members of the bells commission, with WVC, conducted a state-wide consultation from December 2001 to March this year and "received no opposition or dissent of the bells and, in most cases, received support" from veterans and their groups.

He said it was the intent of the WVC to follow an orderly process and not provide any publicity for the bells issue. It was resolved with the governor

for someone make a news release without the permission of the commission and, in his knowledge, of any news office.

The WVC usually make decisions by consensus, and by unanimous agreement among its members who represented various veterans groups and geographical points. Last March's action on the bells had the making of another consensus will somebody suggested a motion halting that was agreed upon in good faith.

The following seemed one to be a procedural trap that the opposition of the bells' return captured them. The majority also remains that the 11 WVC members present over 12 times, for an 8-4 count in favor. The motion was resolved by deducting one from the "yes" votes.

### Confusing impasse

The first is a confusing impasse. The Wyoming governor rejected the recommendation of his own commission, publicly declared that he opposed the return of the bells to the Philippines, and then addressed to the Balangiga issue that the bells had been on a military holding area outside of his official authority.

The new WVC, which met for the first time last Sept. 24, also delivered action on the bells issue.

Benilla, who spoke on the bells at the WVC's meeting last March, said the bells were to remain to the Philippines as quickly as possible, if the lawmakers have a change the law to return the bells to the Philippines.

He said the bells were being used for political and personal agendas that have a trail of arguments with no benefits to any one returning people as individuals.

He pushed veterans with power at the highest level of the US government would take action and take action on the bells.

# Metro

Editor: Eusebio G. Dela Cruz

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## Manila asked to stop construction in Arroceros

By Basilio S. Rivera

THE LAGUNA AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LADA) would like the Manila city government to stop the construction of a new city hall building in the Arroceros area.

LADA Manager Carlos Ylano Jr. and the directors of new projects (NCP) are in Manila, which the city government has asked to stop the construction of the new city hall building.

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## Time to move on in Parañaque – Bernabe

By Joseph R. Uy

PARAÑAQUE Mayor Bernabe B. Bantayan urged the city's employees to move on and improve their work following the dismissal by the Commission on Elections of the former mayor.

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## Rumors about looting in Malacañang confirmed

MR. JERRY POLICE CHIEF has confirmed rumors that police chief to former President Corason Aguirre looted Malacañang Palace after the former president's death in 1986.

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### METROBRIEFS

#### No to extortion

MALABON City police have issued a statement asking motorists to stop paying the "NATIGIL DIN" (No Tag-Along) fee. The fee is a form of extortion.



#### 'Pajero Lady' strikes again

BY NANCY C. CORRAL  
MINDAUA CITY, MAY 20 (UPI) — A woman who has been known as the "Pajero Lady" has been arrested again for stealing a Mitsubishi Pajero.

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#### See you in court!

THE 11th JUDGE of the Manila Court of Appeals has issued a writ of habeas corpus for a man who was arrested for a crime.

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#### HMC labor dispute settled

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#### Early X'mas for Mandalayong seniors

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**RP rice** yield seen to go up

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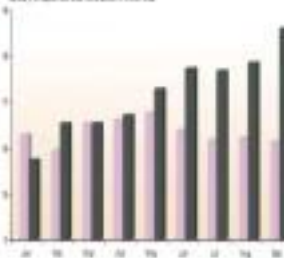
## Business

Read your headlines before the morning paper arrives (P. 22) (Eds. at P. 21) (Dns.)

## Forex reserves hit all-time high of \$18.59B

But 'hot money' inflow slowed down in Sept.

GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES  
in billions of U.S. dollars



Source: BOP

By Derick C. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY'S GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (GIR) hit an all-time high of \$18.59 billion in mid-September, shored up by proceeds from the government's latest \$1-billion global bond offering.

However, net foreign investments in local stocks and bonds—also known as portfolio inflows—dropped to \$17.5 million for the month of September from \$63.7 million in August as the tightening of currency rules by the U.S. Fed. and hostile media attacks on investments overseas.

Benguet-based Philippine Overseas Assets and Securities Co. previously announced that the mid-September GIR was 1.6 percent higher than the \$17.84 billion level at mid-August.

While lower the proceeds of the recent bond issue, he said the GIR was also boosted by the BOP's foreign exchange operations and income from investments abroad.

"The [national government] borrowing will be used to cover the government's foreign exchange requirements for now," Itinagbo said.

The inflows, however, were partly offset by proceeds of maturing foreign exchange obligations of the government and the Bangko Sentral, "he said.

The GIR—consisting of the BOP's gross foreign investments holdings, gold reserves, special drawing rights from multilateral institutions and foreign investments—is an indicator of the country's ability to service the foreign exchange requirements of the economy for importation and debt servicing activities.

The BOP also depends on reserves to supply dollars to the spot foreign exchange market whenever there is a need to sell Philippine assets against the local currency. It largely GIR

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## Benguet taps Citigroup as adviser for Kingking project

By Christine A. Gopican

MINING FIRM BENGUET CORP. HAS selected Citigroup Financial as its adviser in raising some \$500 million in additional capital to develop its Kingking gold project in Compostela Valley in Mindanao.

This was disclosed by Benguet Corp. and joint-venture partner Platinum Development Corp. (Platdev) to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday.

"This is the first step in developing the Kingking gold project as the dominant

from the economies of Japan, China and Korea to the high side. Investors were approached by different groups in developing the project and to secure the most beneficial arrangement we have engaged the services of Citigroup," Benguet Corp. president Philip Remaunillo said in the disclosure.

Earlier, Remaunillo announced that the partners were in talks with 48 foreign mining companies to raise capital for a copper and gold project in Compostela Valley, Davao, with target date

to start operations in next year.

Remaunillo said that the joint venture, which requires an estimated \$500 million to begin mineral operations in the site, would choose a partner with the ability to lead over to develop the Kingking copper-gold project.

Remaunillo said the investment would be a combination of equity and project financing, which Citigroup would evaluate in the coming months.

Based on records of the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, the Kingking project has a total mineral deposit of 250

million metric tons of gold, copper and silver with a gross value of \$2.8 billion.

It has an estimated daily production rate of 70,000 ounces, which could last for around 15 years.

While the joint venture showed that potential gross value would reach \$250 million a year, potential income (taxes governed by the government) would be worth \$200 million annually.

Besides employing 1,000 workers during construction and 200 during mining operations, it is expected to indirectly employ around 2,500 workers.

## STOCK MARKET



Source: Manila Bureau of the PSE

Shares rise on foreign buying

ASIAN PRICES CLIMBED 0.5 percent higher yesterday as foreign investors sought higher yielding stocks in Asia. They report robust earnings for the third quarter in September, dollar said.

They're looking for a return on their investments of the weekend.

Source: PSE





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2003

## Pre-need sales dip in Aug.

SALES OF PRE-NEEDED computers dropped 15.5 percent to 7.134 million in August, down from 7.606 million in the same period, but not by as much as some sales and the financial services industry analyst figures.

In a monthly sales report by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the number of pre-need sales dropped 44.3 percent to 25,440 from 46,381 during the same month last year. Pre-need sales accounted for 0.7 percent of PSE's total sales in August, down from 1.1 percent in the same month last year. Pre-need sales also dropped 40 percent to 10.1 million in August from 14.1 million in the same month last year. Pre-need sales also dropped 40 percent to 10.1 million in August from 14.1 million in the same month last year.

## RP exporters need to conform to new US packaging requirement

By Ramon M. Dominguez

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND Industry yesterday advised Filipino exporters that the United States would soon be imposing a new rule

on packaging that requires exporters to be labeled in English.

Senior Trade Undersecretary Thomas Aguirre said a US law—known as the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection

act—would be passed soon.

"We don't want our exporters to be caught off-guard, having to learn why their shipments are being rejected," Aguirre said. "Exporting companies are making our mis-

ter more complicated, demanding."

The Philippines ships and food and food preparations worth about \$2.6 billion, with the US market getting the lion's share at \$224 million or 33.3 percent of total food exports.

The eight major allergens that should be identified are milk, eggs, fish, tree nuts and seed, soybeans, wheat, crustaceans, and peanuts, and wheat, tree nuts, soybeans, and wheat.

## So, who's afraid of new IC chief?

By Eusebio L. Sanchez and Ramon L. Lopez

THE PRESIDENT OF MANILA IN the business community has named the founder of the Philippine Federation of the Pre-need Companies.

The pre-need industry today is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. But legislators are now questioning the possible transfer of the pre-need industry to the IC. The pre-need industry is a pre-need firm and insurance companies are about to be merged. The pre-need industry is a pre-need firm and insurance companies are about to be merged. The pre-need industry is a pre-need firm and insurance companies are about to be merged.

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| 5. Road & Other Maintenance                    | 100,000.00          | 750,000.00     |
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| 20. Road & Other Maintenance                   | 100,000.00          | 750,000.00     |

The bid documents will be available at the SAC, Secretariat Office, 3rd Floor of the Philippine House Building, Razaan Building, Pasay City starting October 5-15, 2005, upon payment of a non-refundable fee per service contract. Also, for information on the products of the pre-bidding conference, opening of bids and other information, please visit the following website: [www.cagsog.gov.ph](http://www.cagsog.gov.ph)

For more information, please call the SAC Secretariat Office at tel./fax no. 522-8801 for 900 000 000 000 000.

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JOSE L. ARNEL, JR., BARRAS  
Chairman, 3rd and 4th Senate Committee

## RP rice yield seen to go up

By Christine A. Caplan

PHILIPPINE RICE production is expected to be released in the second semester as an additional 75,000 hectares will be planted with hybrid rice seeds during the next crop season, the Department of Agriculture said.

"Some 125,000 hectares planted with hybrid rice last year hit the 10 million metric tons mark, the highest ever for the country," said Agriculture Secretary Gen. Prospero E. Esguerra.

Hybrid rice production is expected to increase this year in the first semester.

Esguerra said that the agency is optimistic that the rice production target of 11.1 million tons would be achieved by the end of the year.

Hybrid rice seeds produce an increase in rice yield from 1 metric ton to 1.5 metric tons per hectare.

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### SuperCountdown

**23** days 'til  
Halloween's over

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# oh brother

**Super! raids the Big Brother house**  
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**Uma, Nene, Sam and Say**

**55 portraits, One Light**  
and the magic of **page 24**

## Tom Epperson

Photography: TOM SPRENGER  
in part from "The Light" in *TIME*

at the Illinois Tower of the Drake Hotel  
 Registration: 1. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6  
 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Dinner: 6:30 p.m. 1940-1950 \$5.00  
 2000-2010 \$6.00









estant's isolated, fabricated  
 d develops into a disturbing  
 of reality. Not so real?  
 e's the rub, as well as the  
 w's dimension and texture.  
 ma knows how to play. Bob  
 ws how to play. After all it's a  
 game." Lauren reveals that  
 ough this is tagged as a "tele-  
 ng totoong buhay," it's safe to  
 me that several housemates  
 w this is also a competition for  
 e and possible fortune.

## y Big Brotherhood

hether it's a golden fishbowl  
 septic tank, "Pinoy Big Broth-  
 as proven to be a hit among  
 ers. It could be because the  
 w acts like a live action screen  
 or a human ant farm, with  
 eone clearly playing God and  
 ng fun doing it. More than  
 itional voyeurism, however,  
 her major draw could be its  
 ive newness. It's possible  
 eyeballs are weary of script-  
 melodrama and want some-  
 g lighter, more organic and  
 of spontaneous.

BB mania has also spilled  
 to the online community. My  
 te powers of research reveal  
 a PBB Google search will  
 113,000 results, with bits  
 at the show appearing on var-  
 blogs, news sites, photo gal-  
 s and message boards.

urveys show, however, that  
 's "Sugo" still trumps "Pinoy  
 Brother" in the ratings game.  
 n asked about this, Lauren  
 gi says he'd rather listen to  
 mediate feedback than fig-  
 ." Going by the ubiquity of  
 show's song, "Pinoy Ako" by  
 age and Lemons, the number  
 BB vidcaps making their elec-  
 ic rounds, and the sheer buzz  
 ounding the show, "Pinoy Big  
 her" is one of those shows  
 eather love or hate. It's that  
 of impact—and de-

bate—that sleeper hits are made  
 of.

## Big Lola vs Big Brother

Speaking of debates, the MTR-  
 CB has urged "Pinoy Big Brother"  
 to rethink its concept, saying "con-  
 servative sectors find [the pro-  
 gram] less acceptable." Censors  
 chief Marissa Laguardia was refer-  
 ring to a Sept. 19 episode that  
 showed a "kissing scene between  
 Chx and Sam, gyrating dances in  
 skimpy bikini and double enten-  
 dre." Really, that sounded like "Big  
 Brother Lite" compared to what's  
 going on elsewhere. And aren't  
 bikinis supposed to be skimpy?  
 Just a thought.

Anyway, since I'm in a philo-  
 sophically charged mood now, I'd  
 like to move the discussion on by  
 saying that morality, like language,  
 is not a fixed line. With the way  
 things are now, it's more appropri-  
 ate to see it as a moving target.

With that in mind, we shouldn't  
 treat a show like "Pinoy Big Broth-  
 er" as a babysitter for kids or a re-  
 placement for interaction among  
 family members. That would be a  
 cop out. Neither should we take it  
 as a sign that our country's morals  
 are rapidly going down the toilet.  
 That would be self-righteous. Like  
 it or not, as a society of responsible  
 couch commandoes, we should go  
 back to the root of this whole reali-  
 ty TV business and see "Pinoy Big  
 Brother" as life through a lens, one  
 that offers piercing insights into  
 our own reality.

Perhaps old school peeps, those  
 who are quick to say that this is not  
 our culture, are merely scared to  
 acknowledge the changes that are  
 taking place today. Since one's re-  
 actions to the show reveal more  
 about themselves and their per-  
 sonal biases than they do about  
 the show itself, maybe they're just  
 afraid to look in the mirror and fi-  
 nally face the truth.

Special thanks to director Laurenti Dyogi, Linggit Tan, and the entire team behind Pinoy Big Brother for giving Super! an exclusive (and extremely surreal) tour inside the PBB house. We promise to keep the show's secrets! Catch PBB every day at 10 p.m. at ABS-CBN.



NOT YOUR USUAL PHOTO: Jones and Fernandez 2-step with their BMW motorcycles

# The spotlight on One Light

First solo exhibition by photographer Tom Epperson

By Leonard de Noyes

**W**HAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN THE "ONE LIGHT" WORLD, TO BE ONE of those people who are "one of a kind"? There's something about them that fascinates you. You just can't take your eyes off them—and it's not just a beauty thing. "The One Light" is a series of portraits of people who are "one of a kind" in the world of photography.



Epperson, an American based in the Philippines for the past 15 years, has become one of the industry's most sought-after portrait and advertising photographers. His photographs—which have appeared in countless magazines including *Vogue*, *W*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Life*, *Rolling Stone*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *LifeStyle Asia*, *Manila*, among countless others—are famous for their vibrant colors, bold use of color, sense of composition, and sense of social realism.

Now Epperson brings some of his most memorable portraits to his first solo exhibition, "One Light."

It is a relief to such because all the portraits, except for one that, were photographed using only a single light source. Epperson is known for his use of this kind of lighting, how it allows for the subject to be seen, thereby revealing their true nature and emotions. For example, all these portraits were taken using a film camera. "Digital is perfect for business," he stresses. "But for my personal work, I'm definitely more comfortable using film. It has that certain magic...that allows you to feel something if you have something to say."

"One Light" features more than 50 portraits of a wide list of personalities, from business tycoons to rock musicians to fashion models to people who are active in the world of photography. Each photograph runs the gamut of mood, moving from light to dark to a quiet, almost meditative moment. This series of portraits is a testament to the power of photography.

Epperson believes that each photograph captures a moment before you can catch it. For instance, business magnate Andrew Lim, who's tough, intelligent, and powerful, is captured with a soft, almost serene expression, looking directly at the camera. Another portrait, of a woman, is captured in a moment of quiet reflection, looking down. Epperson's portraits are not just about the subject, but about the moment. They are a testament to the power of photography.

"People usually see the One Light before they see the photographs," he says. "My photographs are those same business portraits and to make them more intimate...to try to find something that everyone else can relate to."

Epperson has been known to use various strategies to make his subjects, from managing them on set to making them aware of the camera, to making them feel comfortable and at ease. "The challenge is to give me something that they usually wouldn't show," he adds.

"One Light" opens with a reception at 6 p.m. on Oct. 18 at the Blue Tower of the Ayala Museum. Show runs until Nov. 3. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This show is sponsored by Epperson, E.S. Photo Studio, Oxford Street and De Noyes.

